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on an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with associated contact surfaces of said bolt.

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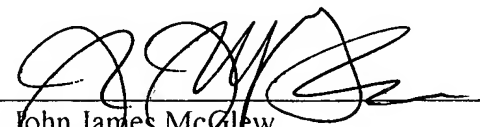
Claims 1 through 16 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 1 through 8 have been amended. The amended claims present the same subject matter as the original claims but have been amended to adapt them to the U. S. style. The new claims present subject matter similar to the original claims, but in a different form.

The specification and claims have been amended in order to place this application in better form. The reference to claims in the specification has been deleted or amended. Appropriate headings have been added. No new matter has been added.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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1. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle ~~{ with a said lever arm (4) arranged in a }~~, the assembly unit comprising: a bearing block having mounts; a bolt; and a lever arm arranged in said bearing block ~~{ (1) pivotably around { a said } an axis { (2) } of { n a } { }~~ said bolt ~~{ (3) }~~ fixed in said mounts ~~{ (5), { (6) } of the bearing block, wherein the }~~ said bearing block ~~{ (1) has }~~ having at least one ~~{ said } section { (7, 8) }~~ opening or expanding in case of an accident as a consequence of force acting on the assembly unit, so that the bolt disengages ~~{ the } from~~ said mounts ~~{ (5, 6) }~~ as a consequence of the acting force, {

~~characterized in that~~

~~after the assembly of the assembly unit, the }~~ said bolt ~~{ (3), which has }~~ having an at least two-part design ~~{, has }~~ and having at least one ~~{ said }~~ connection area ~~{ (9), }~~ on which ~~{ the said }~~ individual bolt parts ~~{ (10, 11) }~~ are engaged with one another in a positive-locking and nonpositive manner.

2. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 1, {

~~characterized in that~~

~~the }~~ wherein said lever arm ~~{ (4) is }~~ comprises a pedal.

3. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with ~~{ one of the above }~~ claim ~~{ s }~~ 1, {

~~characterized in that~~

~~}~~ wherein the connection between ~~{ the }~~ said individual bolt parts ~~{ (10 and 11) }~~ is an elastic snap connection.

4. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with ~~{ one of the above }~~ claim ~~{ s }~~ 1, {

~~characterized in that~~

~~a said }~~ wherein a first bolt part ~~{ (10) }~~ has an end slotted at least once with said hook-shaped areas ~~{ (12) }~~, on whose side facing ~~{ the said other }~~ another bolt part ~~{ (11) }~~ said tapering sections ~~{ (20) }~~ are present.

5. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 4, {

~~characterized in that~~

~~}~~ wherein on the end side ~~{, the }~~ said another bolt part ~~{ (11) }~~ has an engaging contour, behind which extend ~~{ the }~~ said hook-shaped areas ~~{ (12) }~~ of ~~{ the }~~ said first bolt part ~~{ (10) }~~.

6. ~~{ Assembly }~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with ~~{ one of the above }~~ claim ~~{ s }~~ 1, {

~~characterized in that~~

— ~~said~~ further comprising bearing elements ~~{(15, 16), by which the}~~ for mounting said bolt ~~{(3) is mounted}~~ rotatably and slidingly, ~~{are}~~ said bearing elements being inserted into ~~{the}~~ said mounts {(5, 6) of the} said bearing block ~~{(1)}~~.

7. ~~{~~ Assembly ~~}~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6, ~~{~~

~~— characterized in that~~

~~— the~~ wherein said bearing elements ~~{(15, 16)}~~ are multilayer bearings.

8. ~~{~~ Assembly ~~}~~ (AMENDED) An assembly unit for a motor vehicle in accordance with claim 6 ~~{ or 7,~~

~~— characterized in that~~

~~— the~~, wherein said lever arm ~~{(4)}~~ is supported with ~~{said}~~ flange-like sections ~~{(13, 14)}~~ ~~at the~~ said bearing element ~~{(15, 16)}~~ ~~off the~~ said bearing block ~~{(1)}~~ on both sides when viewed in ~~{the}~~ an axial direction of ~~{the}~~ said bolt ~~{(3)}~~ and said lever arm has a ~~{said}~~ stop ~~{(17)}~~ on its an inner contour, said stop forming a contact surface with ~~{which said}~~ associated contact surfaces ~~{(18, 19) of the}~~ said bolt ~~{(3) are in contact}~~.

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